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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. LATIN AMERICA

A. COLOMBIANS VIEW US WITH AMBIVALENCE

IN ANALYZING COLOMBIAN PERCEPTIONS OF THE US, EMBASSY BOGOTA
FINDS THE ATTITUDES OF TOP-LEVEL GOC LEADERS FULL OF AMBIV-
ALENCES AND PARADOXES. CHARACTERIZING THESE PERCEPTIONS AS
"FRIENDLY, SYMPATHETIC AND SORROWFUL," THE EMBASSY NOTES
THAT:

--GOC LEADERS BELIEVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE US PRESI-
DENCY WAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY WATERGATE, AND THAT
THE BALANCE HAS SWUNG TOO FAR TOWARD THE CONGRESS,
WITH A CONSEQUENT PREJUDICIAL EFFECT ON FOREIGN POLICY.

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--WHILE DEPLORING THE OBSESSIVE PUBLIC WASHING OF DIRTY LINEN, THE COLOMBIANS ARE UNEASY OVER THE DETAILS OF INTERVENTIONISM REVEALED BY INVESTIGATIONS OF THE CIA.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: THE GOC LEADERS' IMAGE OF THE US IS THAT OF A POWERFUL NATION THRASHING AROUND. THEY DO NOT SO MUCH DOUBT OUR POWER AS OUR PURPOSEFULNESS; NOT SO MUCH OUR WILL AS OUR MORALE; NOT SO MUCH OUR EFFICIENCY AND VITALITY, AS OUR VISION.

B. CHILE: THE JUNTA'S ECONOMIC WOES

EMBASSY SANTIAGO CONCLUDES THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO SURVIVE EVEN THE WORST-CASE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS IN 1976 WITHOUT RADICAL MODIFICATIONS IN GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND POLICY. HOWEVER, THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IS GLOOMY:

--GNP, INDIVIDUAL INCOME, PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT HAVE ALL DECLINED, AND AUSTERITY MEASURES HAVE DIMINISHED THE RATE OF INFLATION WITHOUT REDUCING INFLATIONARY PSYCHOLOGY.

--WHILE COPPER PRICES HAVE PLUNGED TO HISTORIC LOWS, PETROLEUM AND OTHER IMPORT COSTS ARE SKYROCKETING.

--IMF ASSISTANCE AND PRIVATE BANK LINES OF CREDIT WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING WITHOUT SOME EFFORT AT RESCHEDULING THE COUNTRY'S \$730 MILLION EXTERNAL DEBT (DUE THIS YEAR).

EMBASSY COMMENT: BECAUSE OF OUR DIRECT AID, INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND WORLD LEADERSHIP, WE CAN EXERCISE GREATER PRESSURE WHICH SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MODULATED TO ENCOURAGE REAL IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND A RETURN TO NORMAL DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES. (SECRET)
BOGOTA 1591, 2/13 AND (SECRET) SANTIAGO 1157, 2/12.)

2. JORDAN

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A. HAWK-VULCAN IMPASSE CONTINUES

AMBASSADOR PICKERING PRESENTED PRIME MINISTER RIFAI WITH A LETTER BRINGING THE JORDANIANS UP TO DATE ON THE STATUS OF HAWK-VULCAN FINANCING. WHEN RIFAI SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THE LETTER TO THE SAUDIS, PICKERING RECOMMENDED AGAINST DOING SO, POINTING OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNDUE PRESSURE

FROM THE US MIGHT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SAUDIS.
EMBASSY AMMAN BELIEVES THAT IN THE EVENT FINANCING IS NOT
AVAILABLE BY FEBRUARY 29, AT A MINIMUM THE JORDANIANS
WOULD:

--MAKE AN IMMEDIATE REQUEST (PERHAPS FROM THE KING TO
THE PRESIDENT) FOR A FURTHER 30 DAY EXTENSION;

--SEEK ASSURANCES THAT THE PRESENT LETTER OF OFFER
WILL REMAIN IN FORCE, I.E. RESUBMISSION TO CONGRESS
WILL NOT BE REQUIRED;

--REQUEST THAT ALL AIR DEFENSE TRAINING IN PROGRESS OR
SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE CONTINUED UNDER A BLAN-
KET OPEN-ENDED FMS CASE;

--ACCEPT BILLING FOR CANCELLATION COSTS, BUT FORWARD
IT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND REQUEST PAYMENT.

B. HUSSEIN PLEASED WITH MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY AMMAN, KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME MINISTER
RIFAI ARE PLEASED WITH THE USG'S RESPONSE TO THE MOROCCAN
ASSISTANCE REQUEST, BUT HAVE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN, HOW-
EVER, OVER:

--POSSIBLE ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS COMMENT ON
THE TRANSFER OF THE F-5A'S; AND

--THE FACT THAT THE FIRST MOROCCAN F-5E WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE 1977.

RIFAI SAID THAT IF CALLED UPON TO DEFEND THE AIRCRAFT TRANS-
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FER AGAINST CRITICISM IN THE US, THE GOJ WILL STRESS THE
IRANIAN ORIGIN OF THE PLANES AND THE COMMON US/JORDANIAN
INTEREST IN SUPPORTING MOROCCO. (SECRET) AMMAN 838, 839
(EXDIS) AND (SECRET) AMMAN 826, 2/15.)

3. NIGERIAN COUP LEADER REMAINS AT LARGE

RADIO NIGERIA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT LT. COL. DIMKA, LEADER OF
THE FEBRUARY 13 COUP ATTEMPT, IS STILL AT LARGE. EMBASSY
LAGOS BELIEVES THAT OTHER MAJOR COUP FIGURES MAY ALSO HAVE
ESCAPED APPREHENSION, THEREBY EXPLAINING THE CONTINUATION
OF THE CURFEW AND BORDER AND AIRPORT CLOSINGS. (UNCLASSI-
FIED) LAGOS 1893 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) 1894, 2/15.)
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